

HOUSE BILL 908

By Tindell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
relative to consolidation of criminal cases.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 18, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

40-18-119.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any rule or statute to the contrary, criminal cases involving multiple victims from the same family or household shall be joined and tried jointly when the offenses committed occur within the same time period. The provisions of this section shall only apply in criminal cases involving the following offenses:

- (1) Aggravated child abuse at § 39-15-402;
- (2) Aggravated sexual battery at § 39-13-504;
- (3) Rape of a child at § 39-13-522;
- (4) Aggravated rape of a child at § 39-13-531;
- (5) Solicitation of a minor at § 39-13-528;
- (6) Soliciting sexual exploitation of a minor at § 39-13-529; or
- (7) Sexual exploitation of a minor at § 39-17-1003, § 39-17-1004 or § 39-17-1005.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.